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June 28, 1973

TO: DICK KENNEDY

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *10*

To Bruce
Please show this cable to Eagleburger and forward a copy
of Henry's press briefing on the Nuclear Agreement, as promised in
paragraph 3.

Sent 8:25pm, 6/28/73

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June 28, 1973

TO: SITUATION ROOM FOR DICK KENNEDY - ONLY

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

Please transmit the following message .

TO: AMBASSADOR BRUCE, PEKING

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

REFERENCE: Peking 005

1. I have read with great interest your fascinating cable. I very much appreciate your complete and descriptive reporting.

2. I must apologize for our failure to inform you of the fact that Brezhnev told us that he would make public the Soviet proposed Sino-Soviet nonaggression agreement. In the course of organizing our dual San Clemente-Washington operation, my staff let this one fall through the cracks. On June 24, we passed to Huang Chen the following note:

"The U.S. side wishes the Chinese side to know that General Secretary Brezhnev informed the President of the proposed non-aggression treaty with the PRC of which the Chinese side had already informed us. Brezhnev stated that he would wait for an

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answer until a little while after he returned from the U. S.

At that point the Soviet side will publish its draft treaty with appropriate commentary.

"The U. S. side appreciated the information supplied by the Chinese side and fully understands the course of action outlined by the Chinese side."

3. Your interpretation of the US-Soviet Nuclear Agreement (para 10 of ref tel) is not quite accurate. The agreement does not provide for the renunciation of nuclear weapons. It is, instead, an agreement designed to prevent the outbreak of nuclear war. I have made clear in my press statements that if the agreement should fail to prevent the outbreak of hostilities, it provides for no restraints at all on the use of any particular weapons. I am forwarding to you separately a text of my press briefing on the Nuclear Agreement.

4. You may tell the Chinese that no nuclear information has been exchanged with the USSR, nor will it be in the future. I will give a full account of our discussions with Brezhnev to Huang Chen when he comes to San Clemente next week.

5. You asked (para 32) for a check of the accuracy of Chou's reference to Mao's statement. He apparently was referring to the

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following exchange:

"Chairman Mao: And then you can let them get bogged down in China, for half a year, or one, or two, or three, or four years. And then you can poke your finger at the Soviet back. And your slogan then will be for peace, that is you must bring down Socialist imperialism for the sake of peace. And perhaps you can begin to help them in doing business, saying whatever you need we will help against China.

"Dr. Kissinger: Mr. Chairman, it is really very important that we understand each other's motives. We will never knowingly cooperate in an attack on China.

"Chairman Mao: (Interrupting) No, that's not so. Your aim in doing that would be to bring the Soviet Union down.

"Dr. Kissinger: That's a very dangerous thing. (Laughter)

"Chairman Mao: (Using both hands for gestures) The goal of the Soviet Union is to occupy both Europe and Asia, the two continents. " you can tell Chou that

6. Reference para. 18,/under no circumstances would we give assistance to the USSR in the hypothetical situation which Chou described, and we would probably terminate all economic programs.

Warm regards.

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